Concurrent programming: From theory to practice

Concurrent Algorithms 2019

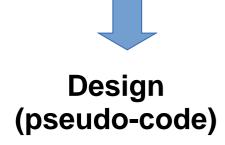
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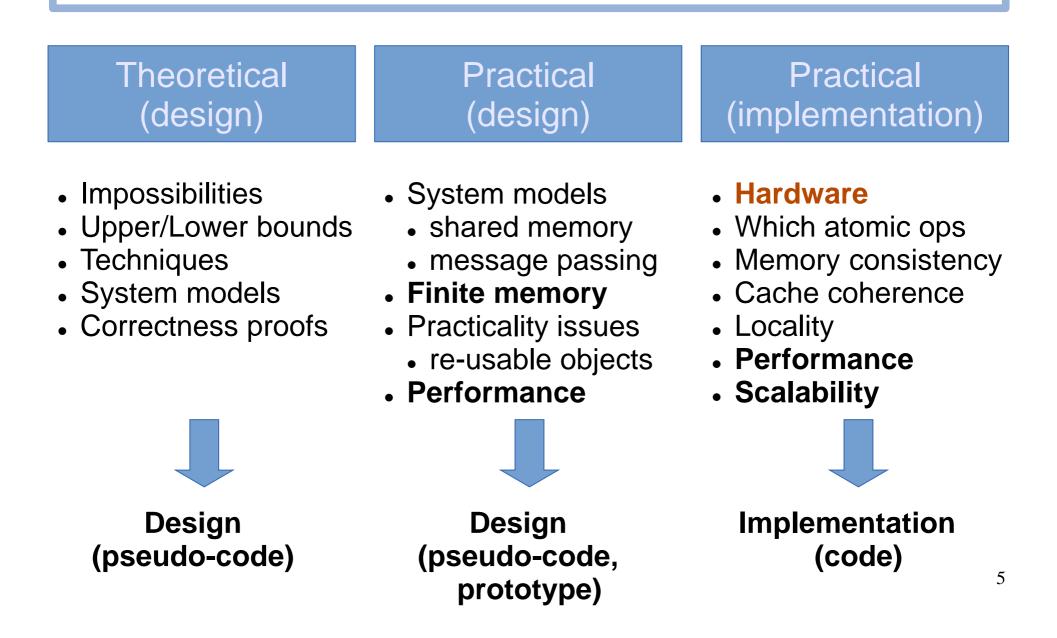


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- System models
 - shared memory
 - message passing
- Finite memory
- Practicality issues
 - re-usable objects
- Performance



Design (pseudo-code) Design (pseudo-code, prototype)

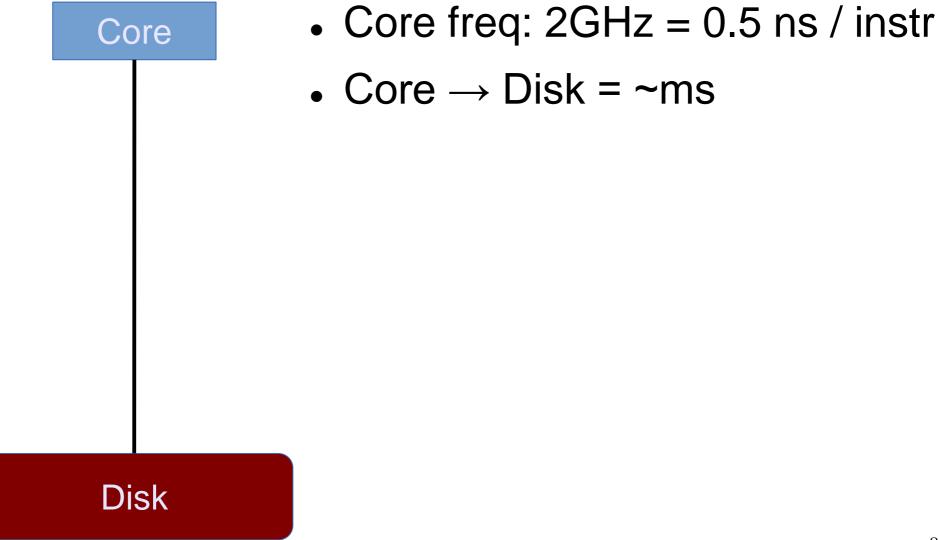


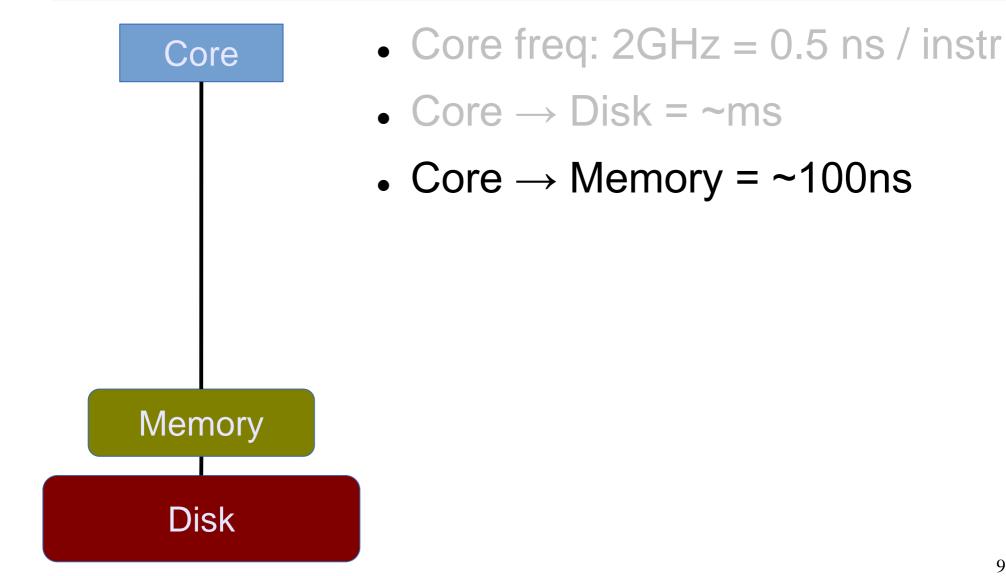
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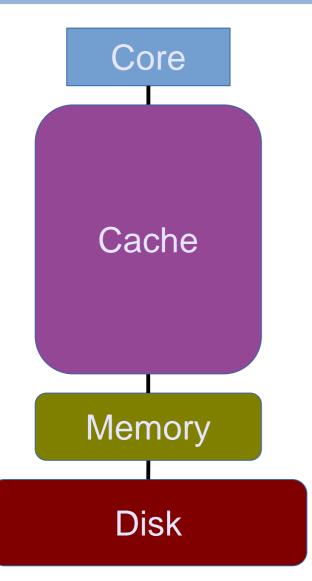
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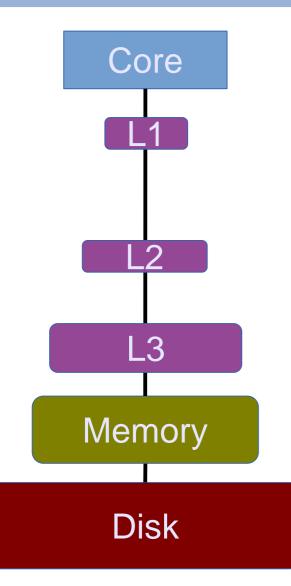
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 - Large = slow
 - Medium = medium
 - Small = fast



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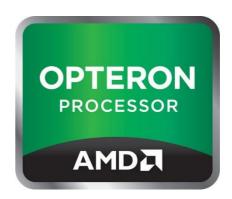
Typical server configurations

- Intel Xeon
 - 14 cores @ 2.4GHz
 - L1: 32KB
 - L2: 256KB
 - L3: 40MB
 - Memory: 256GB



AMD Opteron

- 18 cores @ 2.4GHz
- L1: 64KB
- L2: 512KB
- L3: 20MB
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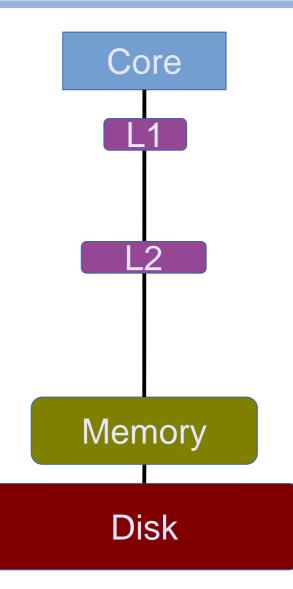
Experiment

Throughput of accessing some memory, depending on the memory size

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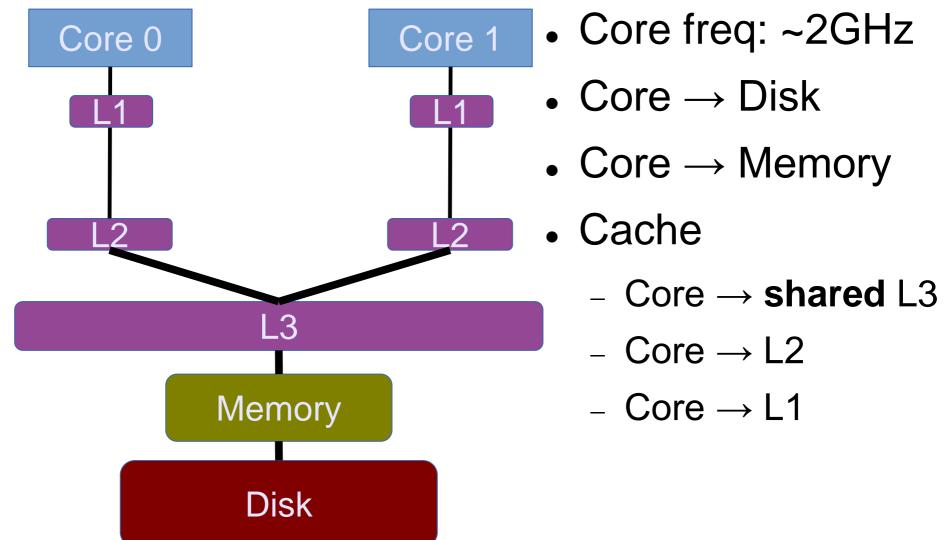
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Until ~2004: single-cores

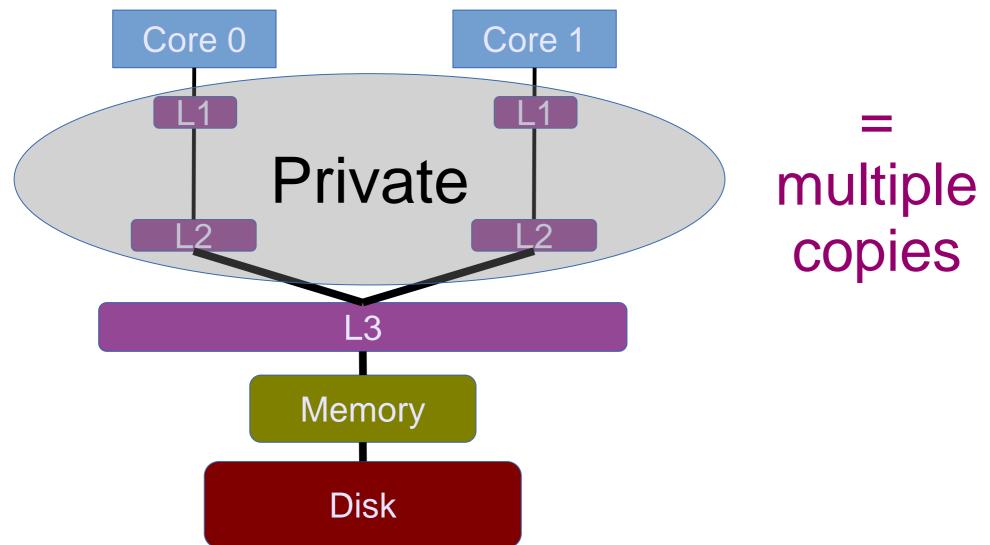


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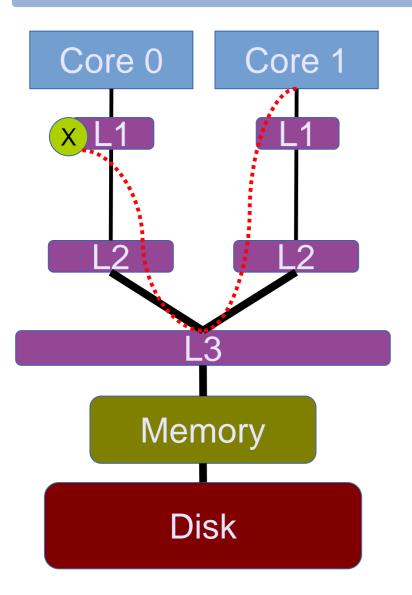
After ~2004: multi-cores



Multi-cores with private caches



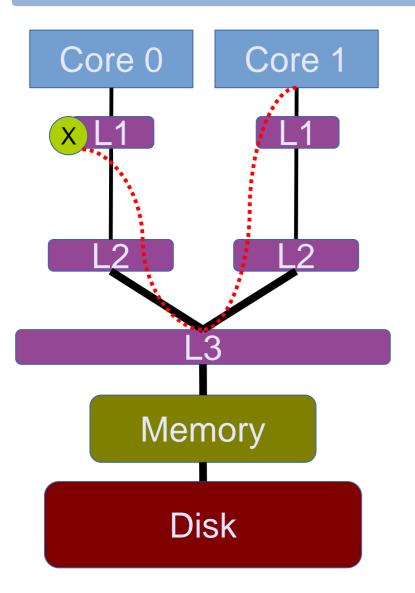
Cache coherence for consistency



Core 0 has X and Core 1

- wants to write on X
- wants to read X
- did Core 0 write or read X?

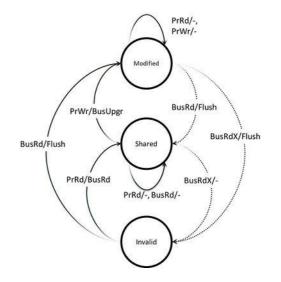
Cache coherence principles



- To perform a write
 - invalidate all readers, or
 - previous writer
- To perform a read
 - find the latest copy

Cache coherence with MESI

- A state diagram
- State (per cache line)
 - Modified: the only dirty copy
 - Exclusive: the only clean copy
 - Shared: a clean copy
 - Invalid: useless data



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Which state is our "favorite"?

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- = threads can keep the data close (L1 cache)
- = faster

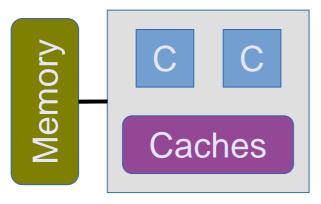
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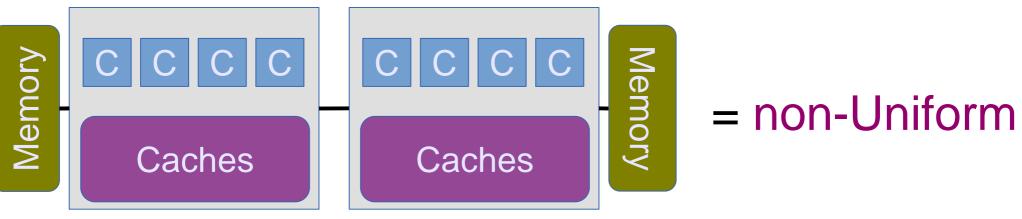
Uniformity vs. non-uniformity

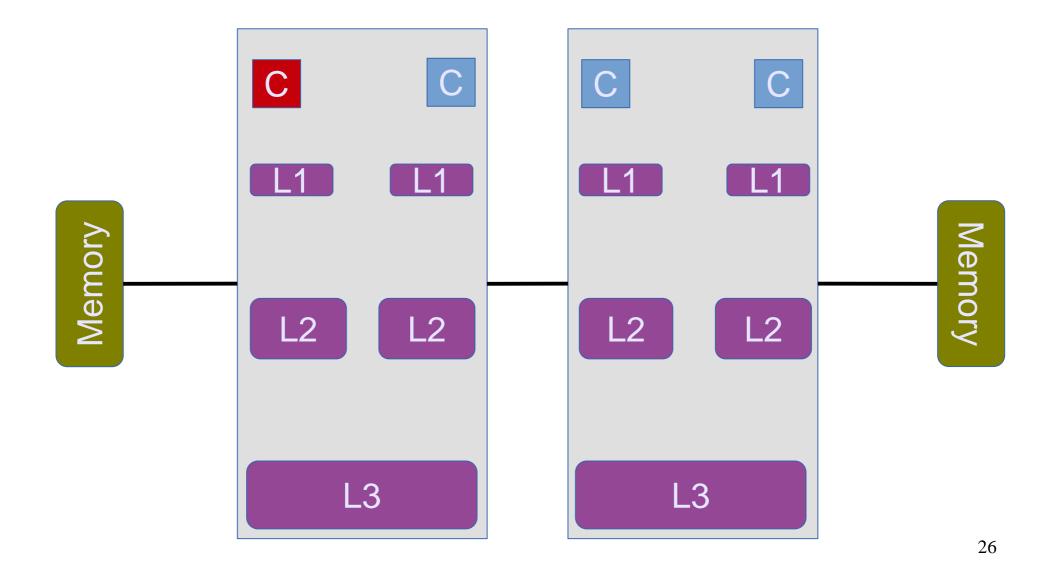
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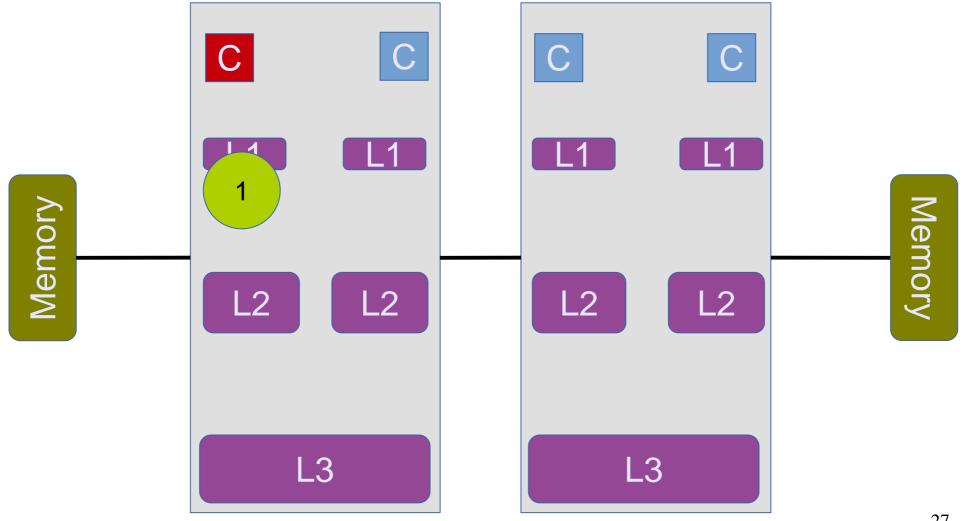


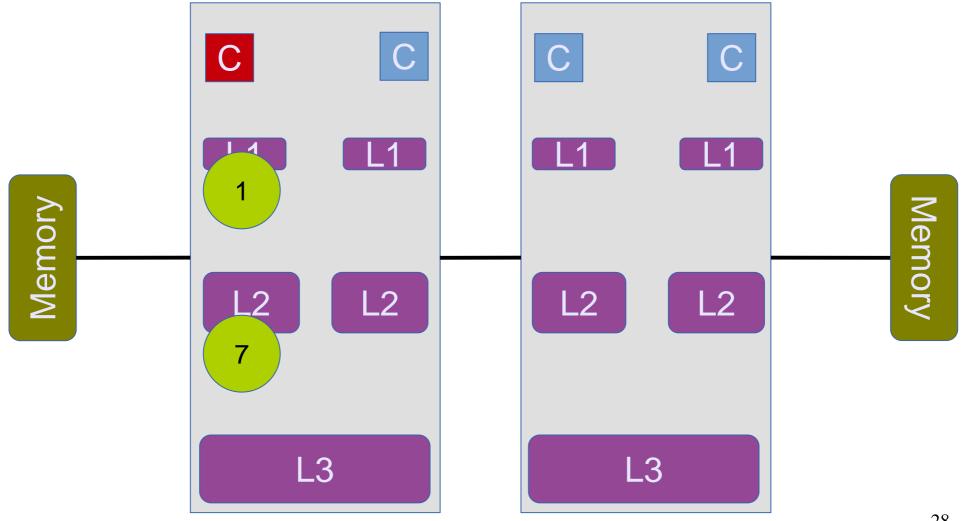
= Uniform

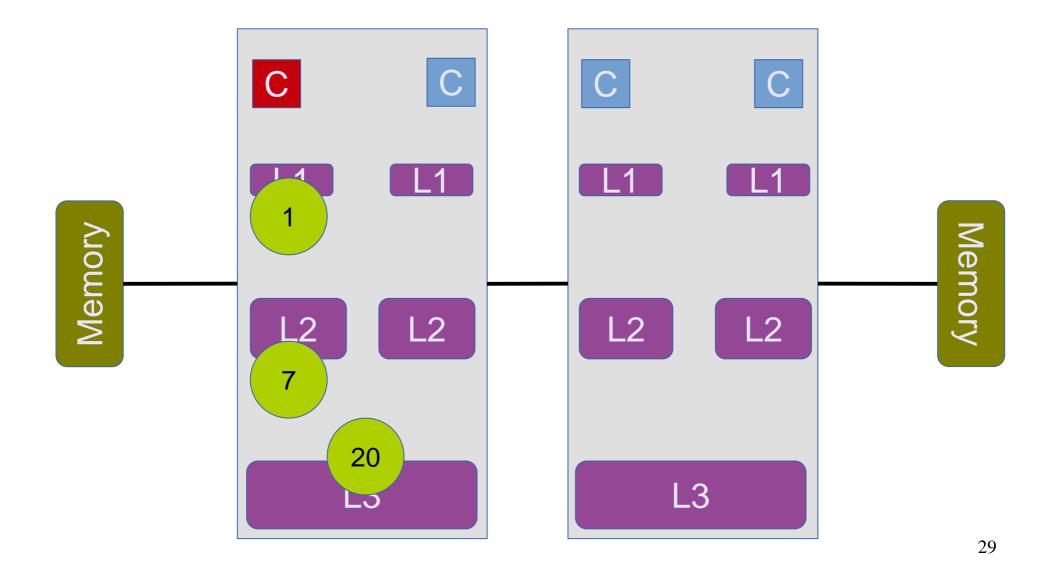
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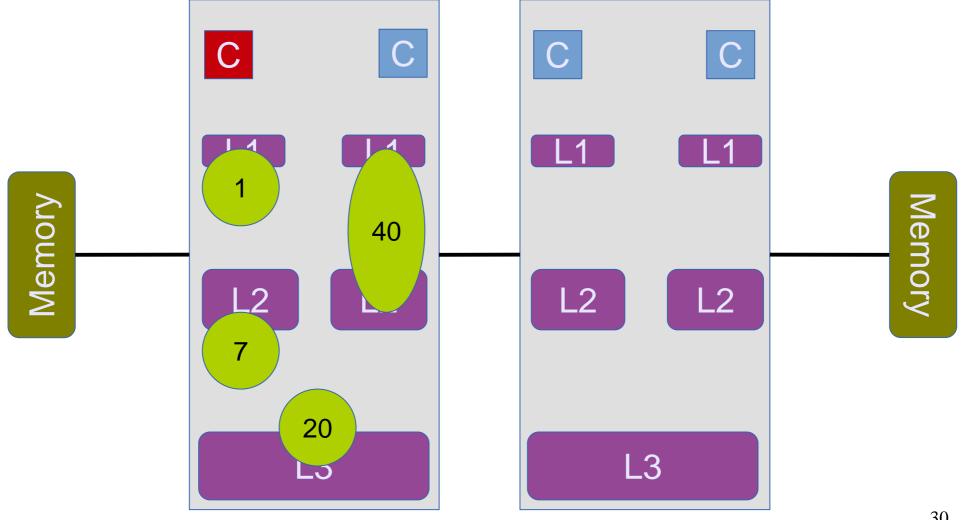


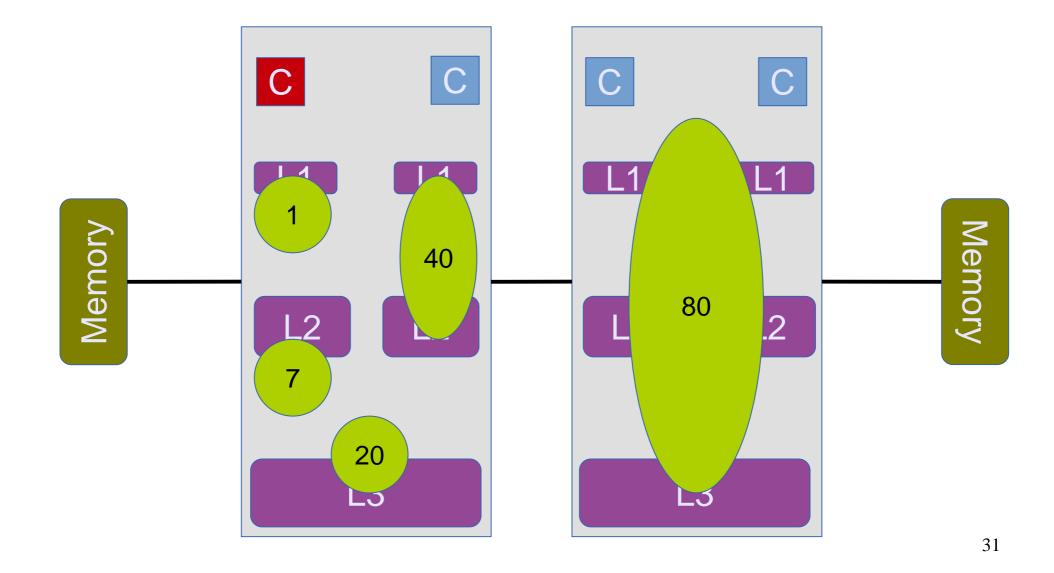


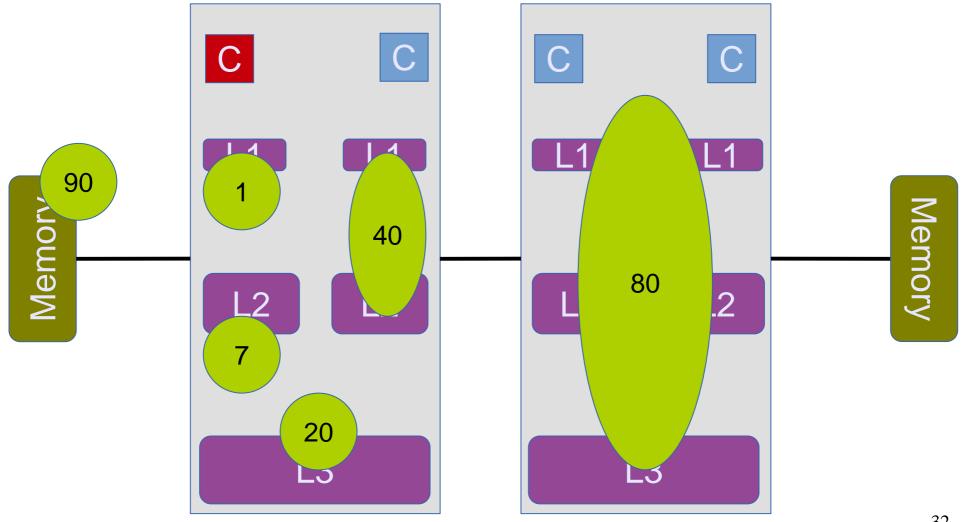


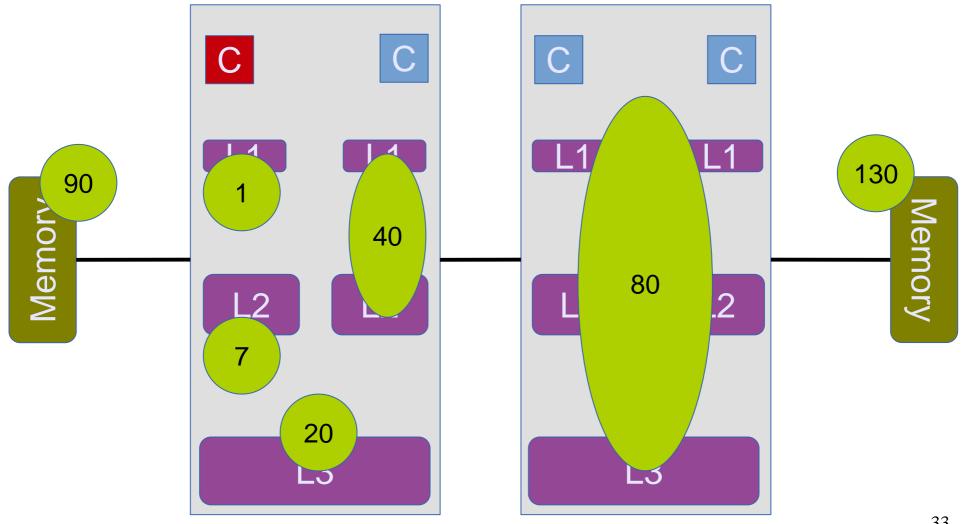


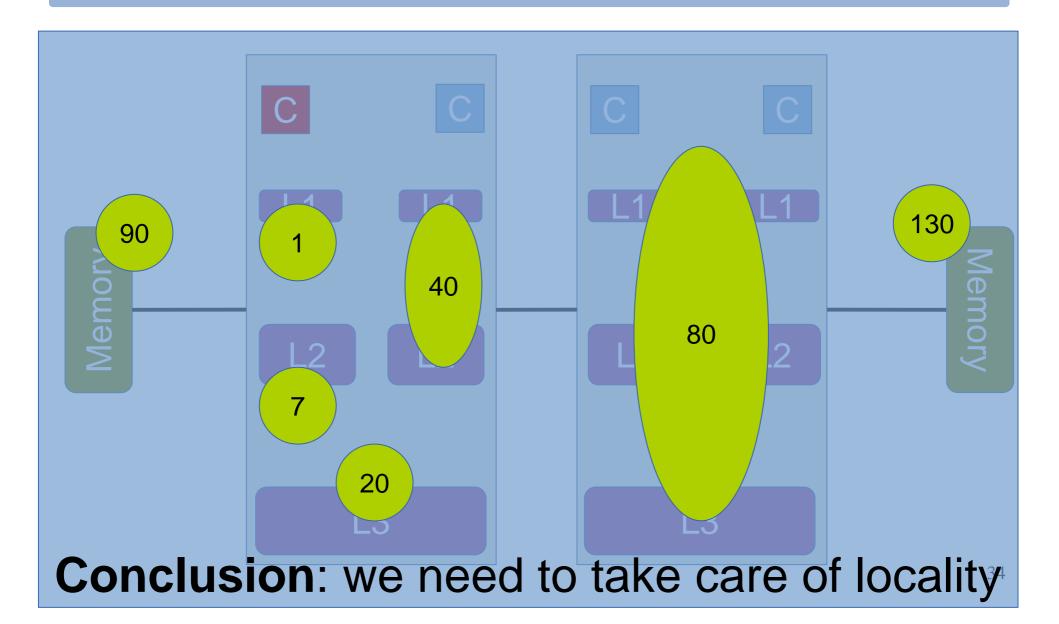






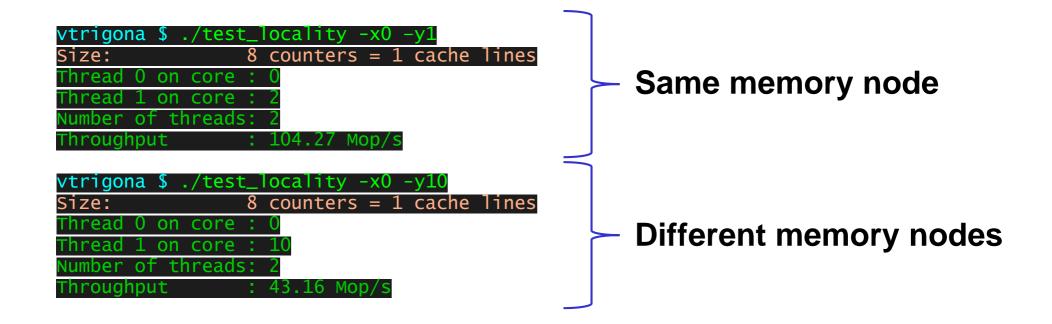






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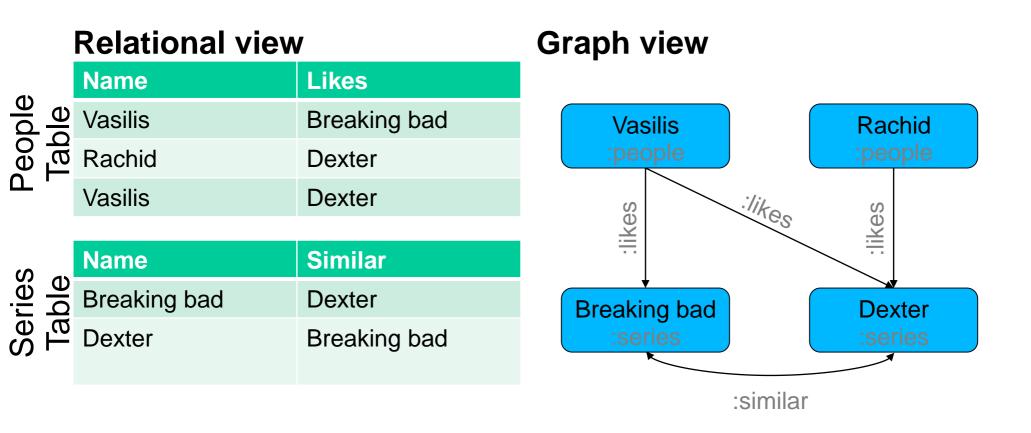
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Relational view

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People Table	Vasilis	Breaking bad
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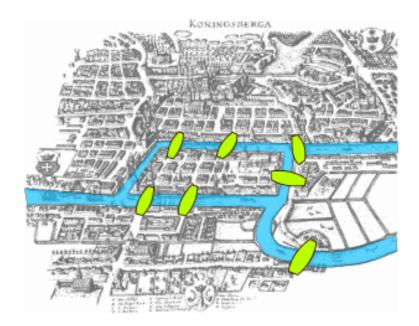
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Graphs keep the connections among entities materialized

Graph analytics

- Graphs have been studied in Math for centuries
 - Since Euler's "Seven Bridges of Königsberg", 1736
- Repeatedly traverse your graph and calculate math properties
- Classic graph problems
 - Graph isomorphism
 - Travelling salesman's problem
 - Max flow, min cut
 - ..
- More recent developments
 - Pagerank
 - Infomap

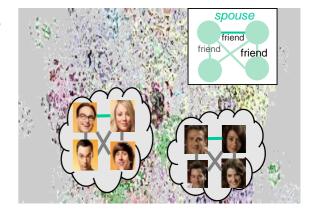


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- Example: Friends of my friends SELECT p1, p3, COUNT(p2) MATCH (p1)-[:friend]->(p2)->[:friend]->(p3), ! (p1)-[:friend]->(p3)
 WHERE p1.country = p2.country GROUP BY p1, p3 ORDER BY COUNT(p2) DESC



Graph processing frequently involves both analytics and queries

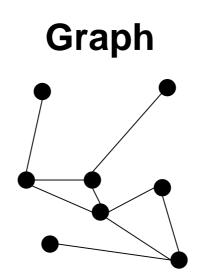
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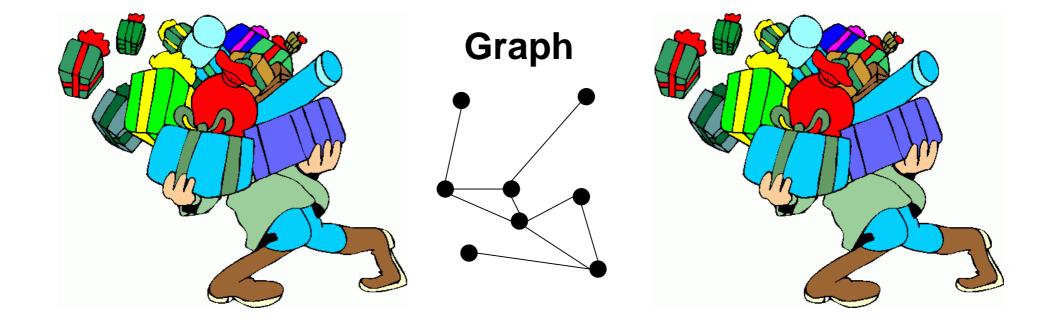
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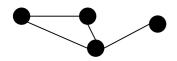


Tons of other data and metadata to store

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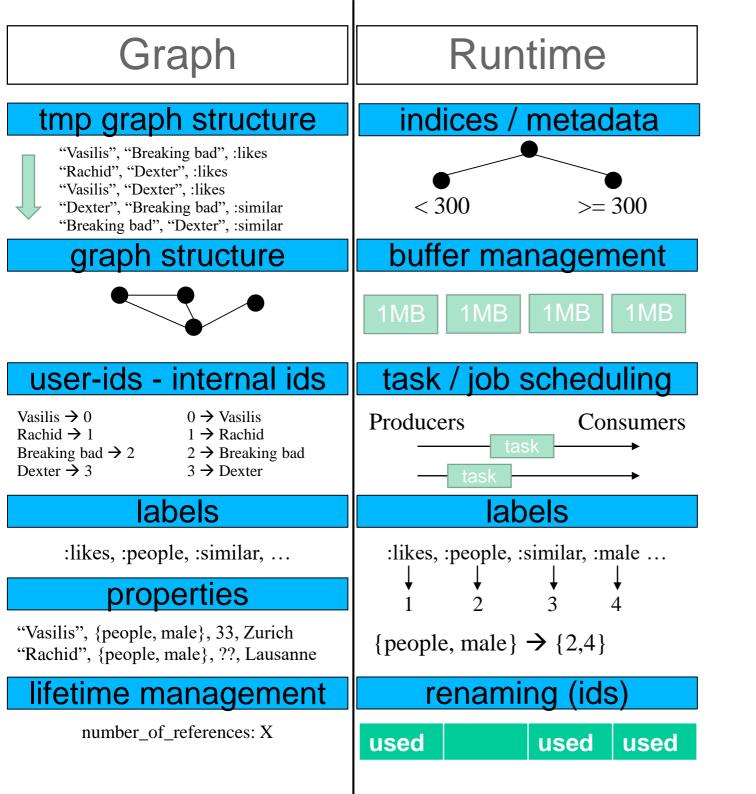
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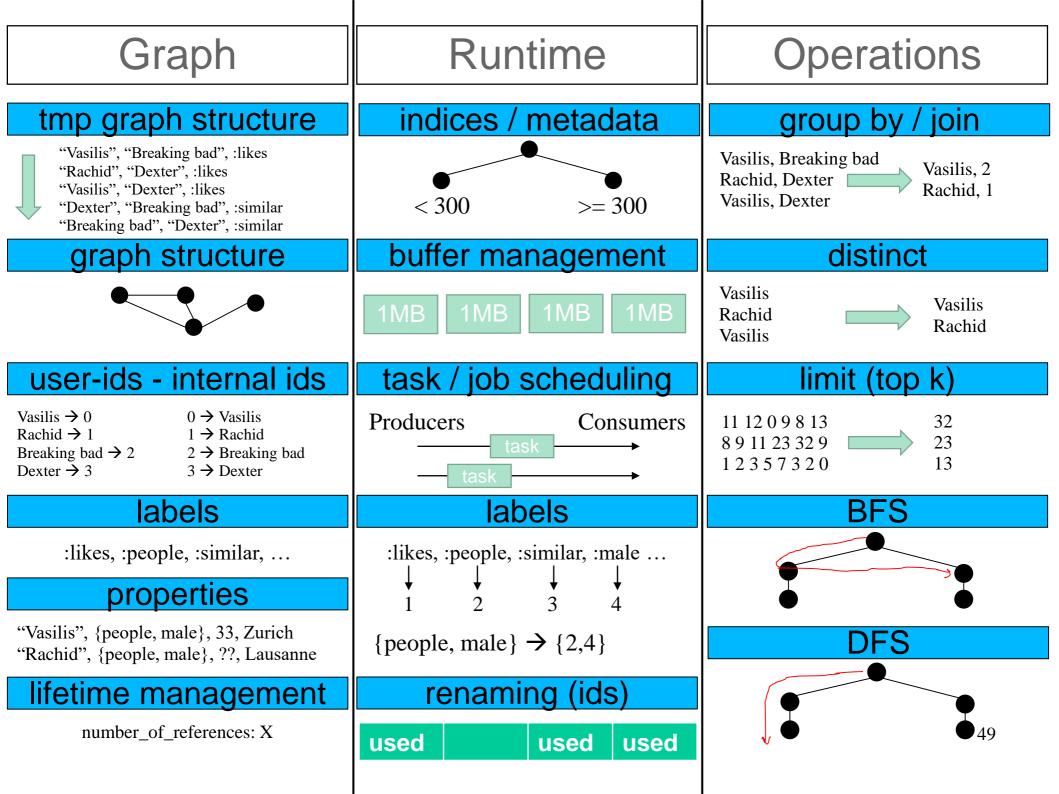
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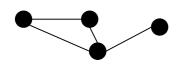




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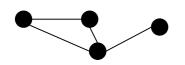
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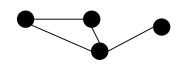
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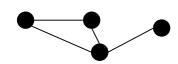
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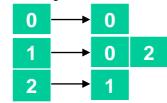
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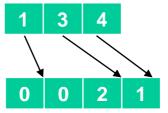
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Classic graph structures 1. connectivity matrix





3. compressed source row (CSR)



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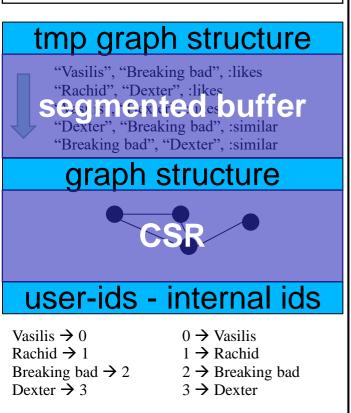
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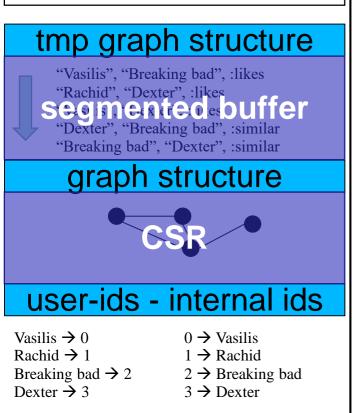
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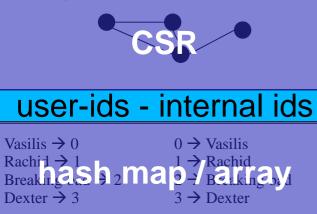
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→ dictionary encoding, e.g.,

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Ofc, hash map to

- store those
- translate during runtime

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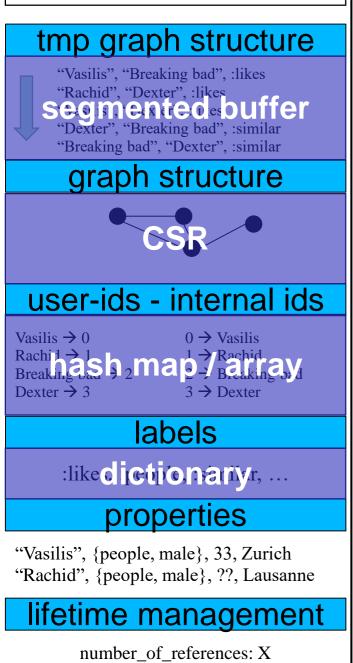
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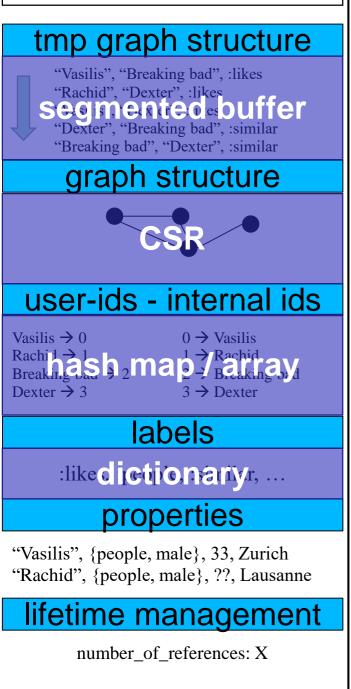
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 - 1. approximate counters
 - 2. stripped counters

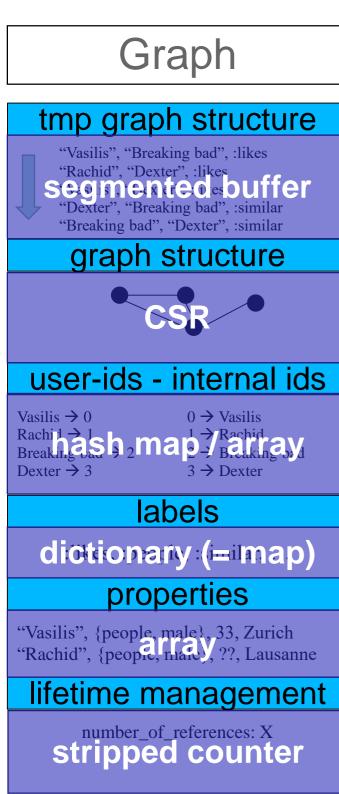
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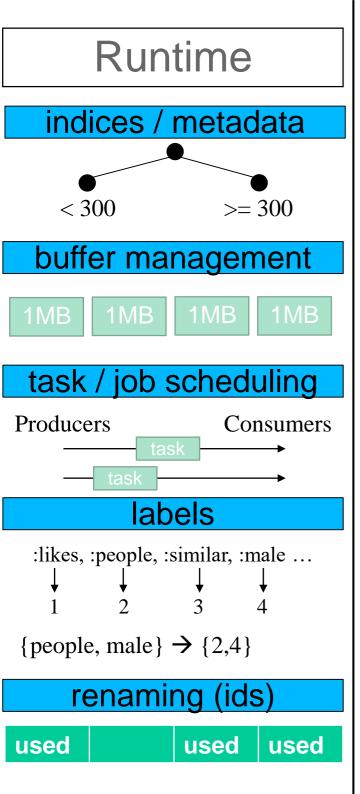
counter[2]

increment(int by) { counter[my_thread_id] += by; }
int value() {
 int sum = 0;
 for (int i = 0; i < num_threads; i++) { sum += counter[i];
 return sum;</pre>

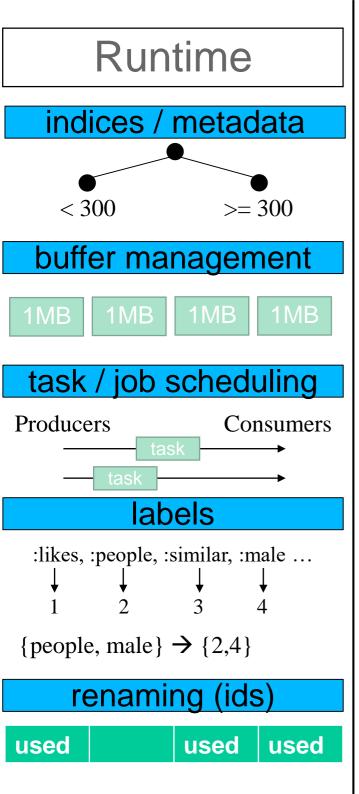


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Structure	# Usages	
array / buffer	5	
map	2	

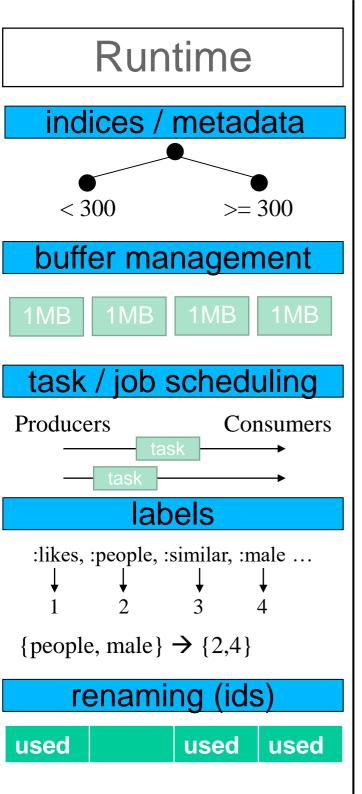


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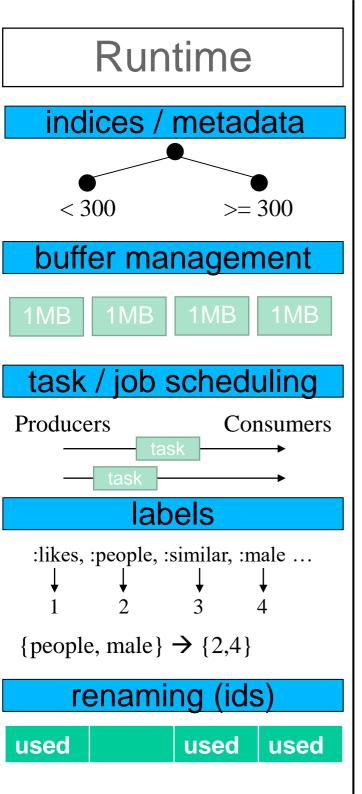
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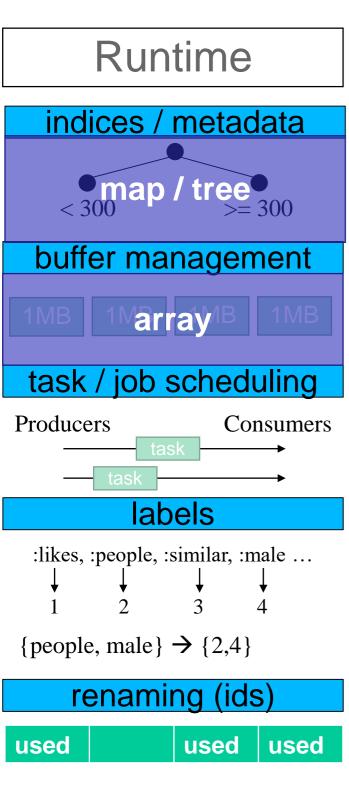
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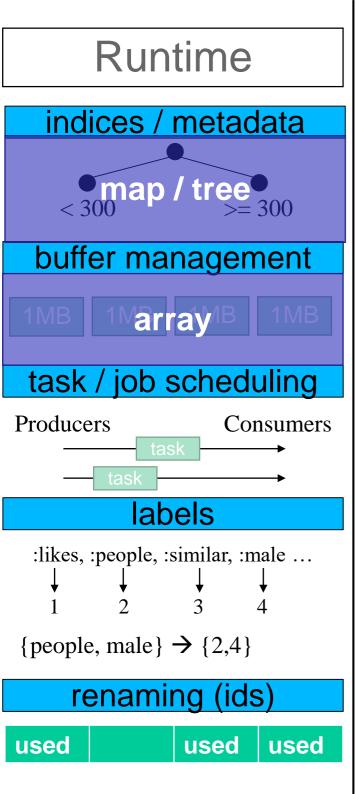
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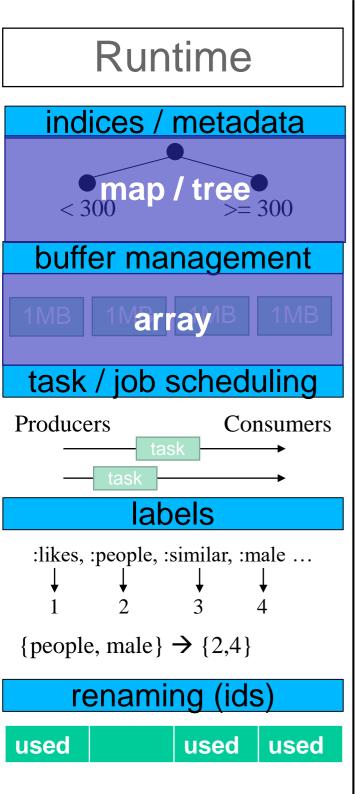
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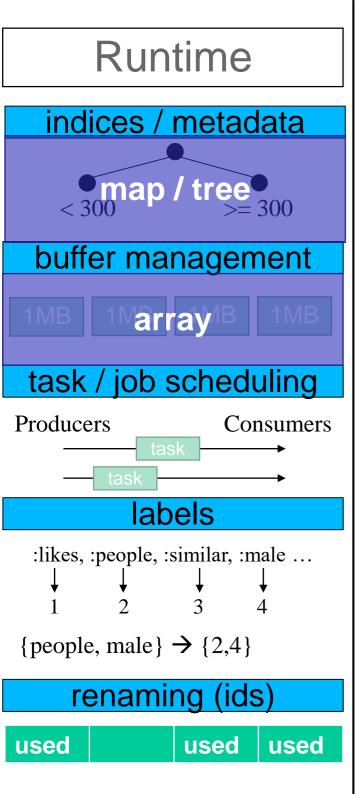
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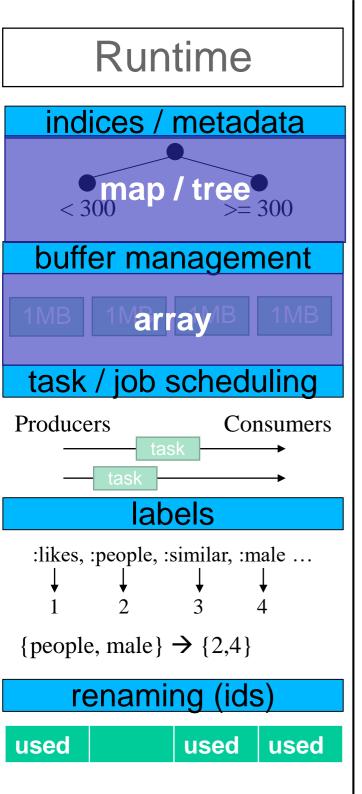
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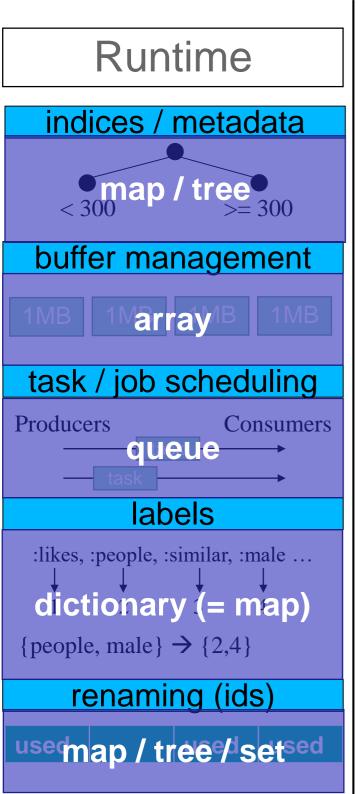


Task and job scheduling

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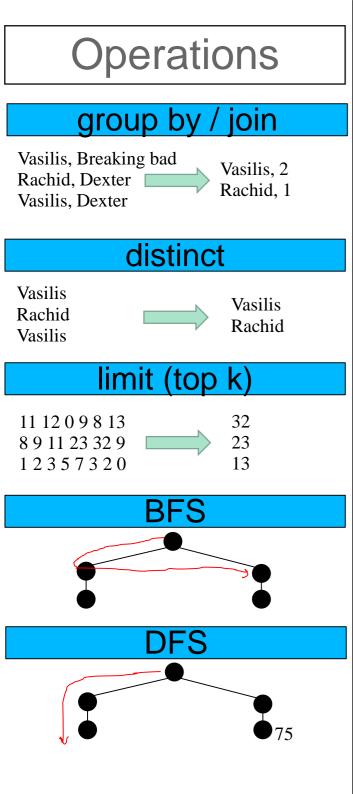
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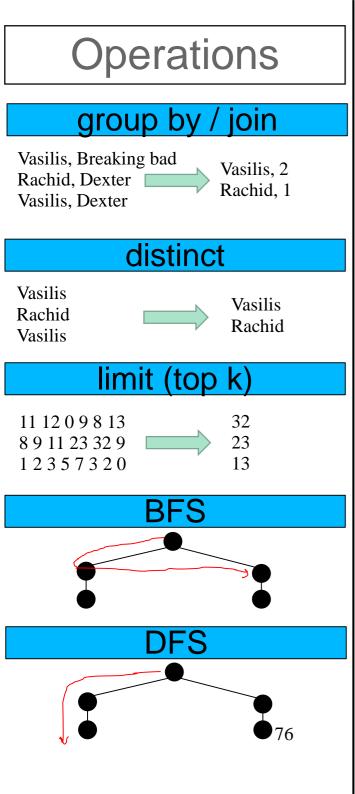


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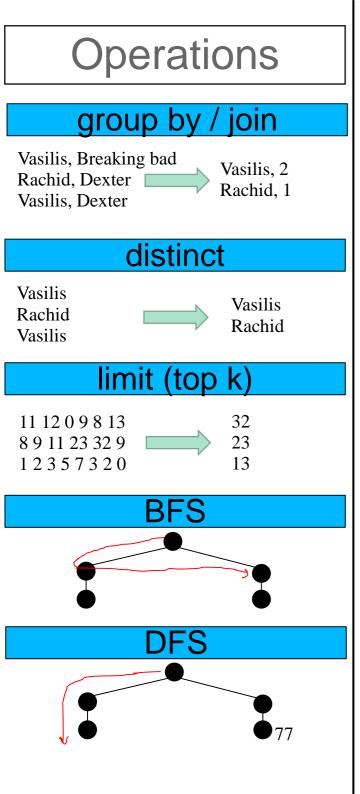
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array / buffer	6
map	5
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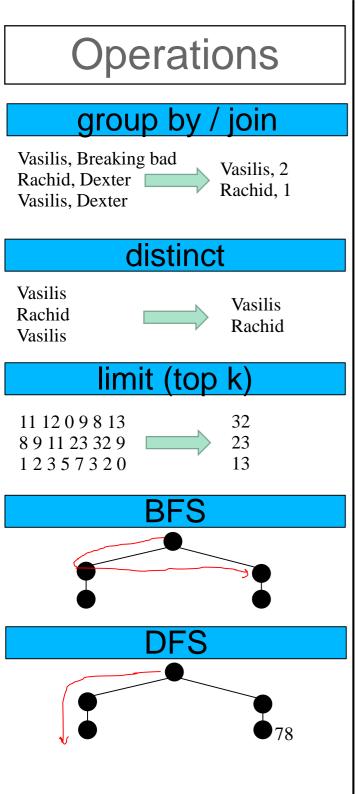
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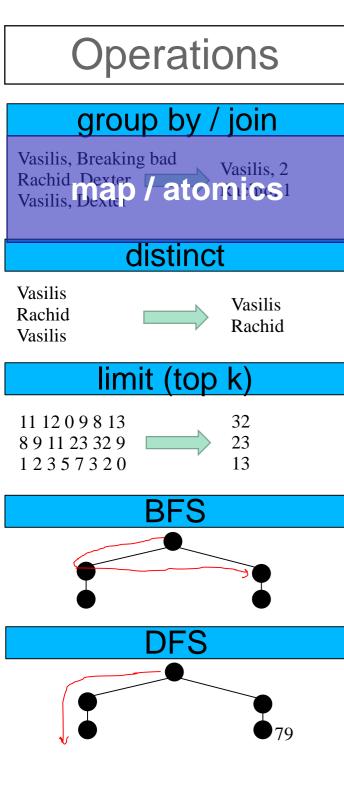
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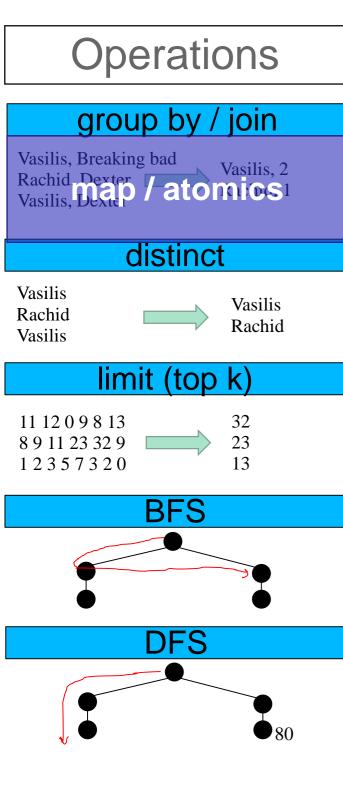
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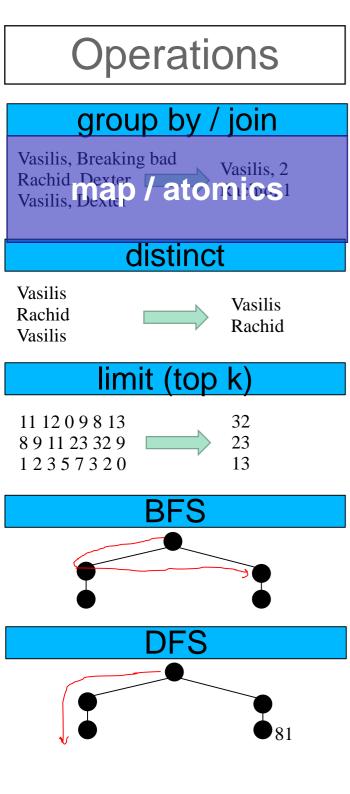
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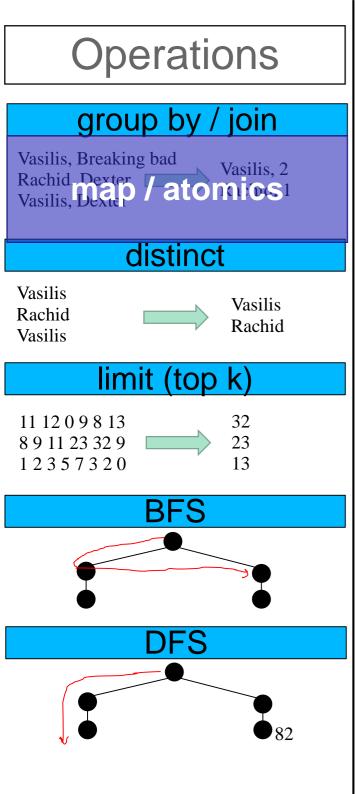


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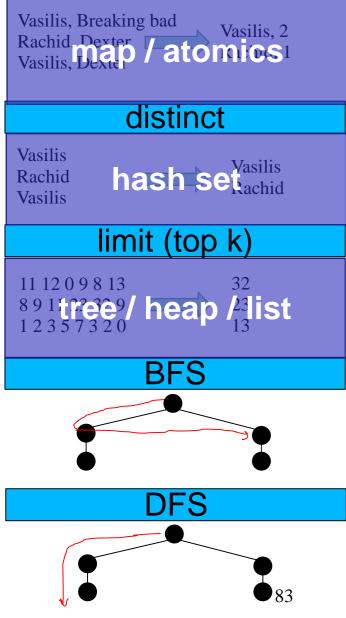
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- \rightarrow tree
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- → array (e.g., 2 elements only)
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group by / join



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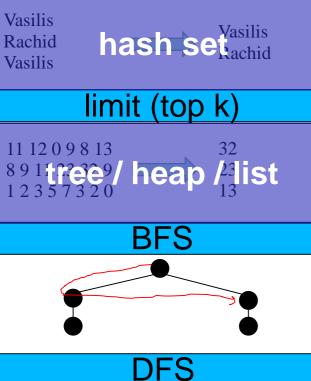
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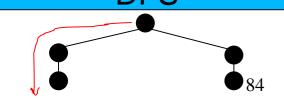
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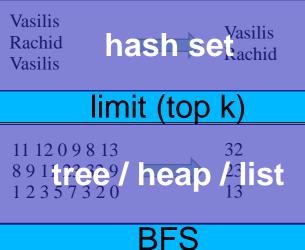
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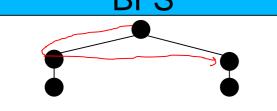
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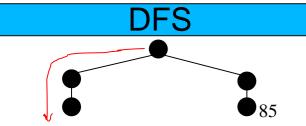
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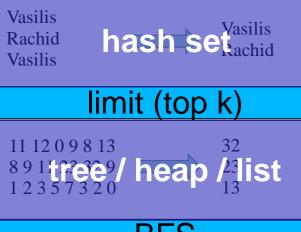
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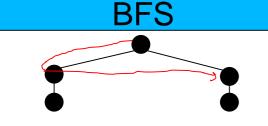
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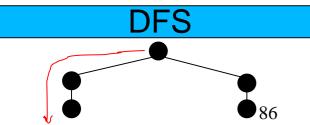
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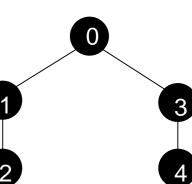
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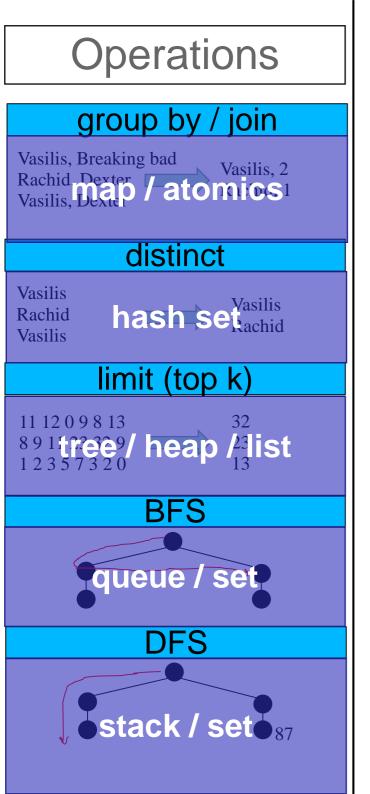
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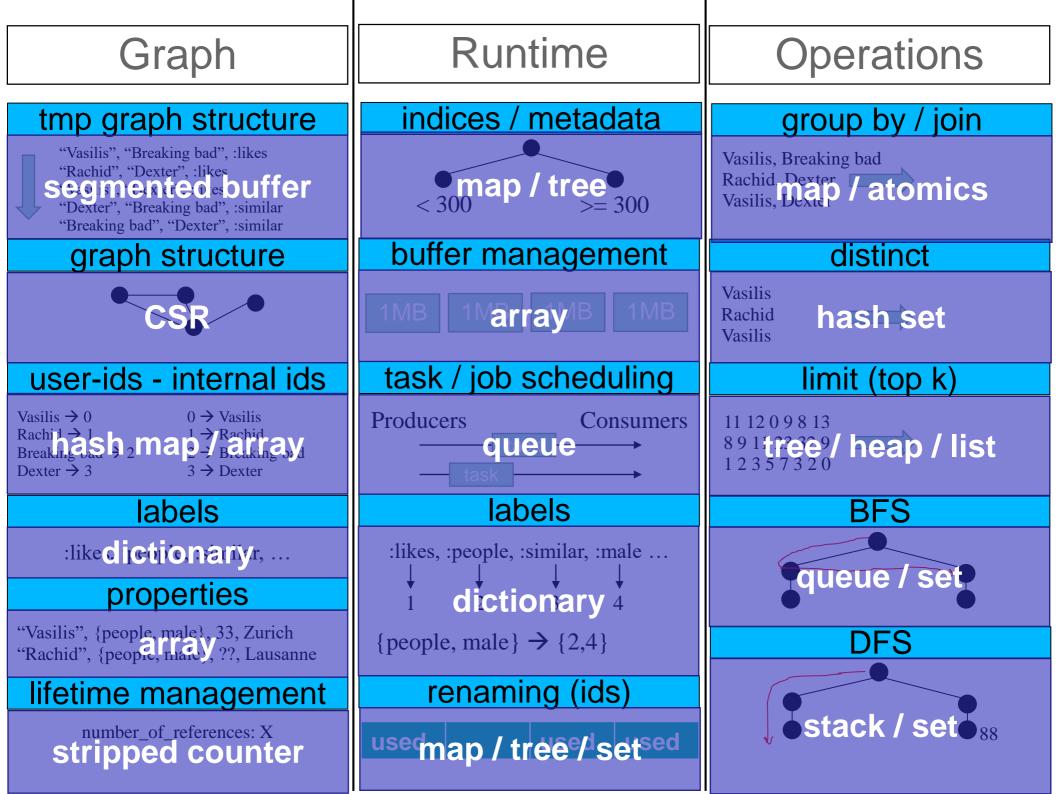
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Structure	# Usages
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Conclusions

- Both theory and practice are necessary for
 - Designing, and
 - Implementing fast / scalable data structures
- Hardware plays a huge role on implementations
 - How and which memory access patterns to use
- (Concurrent) Data structures
 - The backbone of every system
 - An "open" and challenging area or research

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